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Toru TAKAYAMA et al

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DEVICE PROVIDED WITH A WIRING USING  
THE WIRING MATERIAL AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the references was submitted to the Patent Office or was cited by the Examiner in the parent application, Serial No. 09/604,997, filed June 28, 2000, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)).


No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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